IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

THE HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION WELFARE FUND,

H. W. WARD, as fiduciary of THE HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION WELFARE FUND,

THE UNITE HERE NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND, f/k/a THE HOTEL EMPLOYEES AND RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION PENSION FUND,

RICHARD N. RUST, as fiduciary of THE UNITE HERE NATIONAL RETIREMENT FUND,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

ARAMARK CORPORATION, f/k/a ARAMARK SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 01:08 CV 2883

JUDGE KENDALL

MAGISTRATE JUDGE BROWN

DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS PENDING RESOLUTION OF DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO REASSIGN AND CONSOLIDATE BEFORE JUDGE KENDALL OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO ANSWER OR OTHERWISE PLEAD

Defendant, ARAMARK CORPORATION, f/k/a Aramark Services, Inc. ("Aramark"), by its attorneys, respectfully moves this Court for an order staying all proceedings in this matter pending resolution of Defendant's Motion to Reassign And Consolidate Before Judge Kendall. In the alternative, Aramark hereby requests that the Court grant it a thirty-day extension of time,

or until August 11, 2008, to file its answer or other responsive pleading to Plaintiff's Complaint at Law. In support of its Motion, Aramark states as follows:

- 1. On May 19, 2008, Plaintiffs filed their Complaint with the Clerk of the Court and issued a summons as to Defendant.
- On or about May 19, 2008, Defendant was served with the Complaint. Pursuant 2. to Fed. R. Civ. P. 8, and according to the summons, the Answer to the Complaint was due within twenty days of service, or on June 9, 2008.
- 3. On June 3, 2008, Aramark filed a Motion For An Extension Of Time To Answer Or Otherwise Plead. (Docket Entry No. 11).
- 4. This Court granted Aramark's motion on June 5, 2008, and extended the deadline for Aramark's responsive pleading to July 9, 2008. (Docket Entry No. 13).
- 5. On July 2, 2008, Aramark filed a Motion To Reassign And Consolidate Before Judge Kendall, which is scheduled for hearing before this Court on July 9, 2008. (Docket Entry Nos. 16 and 17). The Motion To Reassign And Consolidate Before Judge Kendall requests that related lawsuits pending before Judge St. Eve (Case No. 08-2887) and Judge Kocoras (Case No. 08-2938) be reassigned to this Court and that all three lawsuits (Case Nos. 08-2883, 08-2887 and 08-2938) be consolidated. No responsive pleadings have been filed in any of the three lawsuits.
- 6. Accordingly, Aramark requests that this Court enter an order staying all proceedings pending resolution of Aramark's Motion To Reassign And Consolidate Before Judge Kendall. In the alternative, Aramark requests thirty (30) days, up to and including August 11, 2008, to answer or otherwise plead to Plaintiffs' Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Aramark respectfully requests that this Court grant this Motion and enter an order staying all proceedings until Aramark's Motion To Reassign And Consolidate Before

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Dated: July 2, 2008 Respectfully submitted,

ARAMARK CORPORATION, f/k/a ARAMARK SERVICES, INC.,

By: /s/ Stephanie L. Sweitzer
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendant's Motion To Stay Proceedings Pending Resolution Of Defendant's Motion To Reassign And Consolidate Before Judge Kendall Or, In The Alternative, For An Extension Of Time To Answer Or Otherwise Plead was served via the Court's CM/ECF (Electronic Case Filing) System on:

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on July 2, 2008.

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